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Mission Poorna Shakti
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the key objectives and salient features of the Mission Poorna Shakti initiative of the Government;
(b) the number of villages where Poorna Shakti Kendra have already been operational, State/UT-wise;
(c) the details of the inter-sectoral schemes which are brought under the convergence model of this mission; and
(d) the achievements made under the Mission along with the further initiatives taken by the Government for its better implementation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI KRISHNA RAJ)

(a) Under the Scheme National Mission for Empowerment of Women, Poorna Shakti Kendra (PSK) project is being implemented in a pilot mode in selected districts. The project entails setting up of convergence centres at the district, block and Gram Panchayat (GP) level. The convergence centres are meant to facilitate greater access for women to government schemes/programs, create awareness on gender issues and facilitate/handholding of women in need/affected by violence.
(b) The number of Poorna Shakti Kendras presently operational as in State/ UT-wise is at Annexure.
(c) The Poona Shakti Kendra convergence model is based on partnerships between the Government, Panchayat Raj Institutions and Community Based Organisations (CBOs). Each Kendra at Gram Panchayat level has two Mahila Gram Samanvyaks (Women Village Coordinators) who act as motivators for the women in the area and are also responsible for providing awareness on various issues related to empowerment of women and facilitate access to schemes/programs meant for women in convergence with the Gram Panchayat.
(d) The first pilot project to demonstrate convergence of programmes and schemes was launched in District Pali, Rajasthan on Sep 16, 2011 and women resource centres or Poorna Shakti Kendra (PSK) as a one stop centre for services to women were initiated in 150 Gram Panchayats (GPs). Subsequently, few other districts were selected for implementation. In Pali, Rajasthan as part of Mission Poorna Shakti, Matri Raksha Dal constituted in 150 GPs, Community mobilisation on the issue of declining Child Sex Ratio initiated in the district through "Nari ki Chaupal", Nari Sabhas are being organised in every Gram Panchayat for providing opportunity to women to raise their issues, Beti Janmotsava − celebrating the birth of the girl child & more than 17,000 mothers and girl children felicitated.
With the learnings from the pilot PSK project, a new component namely Village Convergence and Facilitation Service (VCFS) has been envisaged for implementation in convergence with Gram Panchayats (GPs). VCFS aims to create awareness through Village Coordinators on issues related to women and facilitate convergence & coordination with the Gram Panchayats and other sub-committees to address issues pertaining to education, health, nutritional needs, legal rights, safety and security of women. VCFS has been approved and funds release for 100 BBBP districts during FY 2015-16 and extended to cover 200 High Burden Districts across the country.

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